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NUCLEIC ACID

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Claim 32, line 1, change "26" to --27--.

Please add the following new claim:

--38. A method according to claim 26, wherein the micro detection field is virtually a cylindrical region having an average radius of  $200 \pm 50$  nm and an average length on an optical axis of  $2000 \pm 500$  nm.--

Respectfully submitted,

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